

October 28, 2019

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter, USTelecom – The Broadband Association submits the nomination of Stephanie Polk, Vice President of Customer Advocacy at CenturyLink to serve as the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) Board representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (Bell Operating Companies and GTE).

Ms. Polk currently serves as Vice President of Customer Advocacy for CenturyLink, where she has worked for over 20 years. Ms. Polk has significant experience in the telecommunications and information technology (“IT”) fields. She has led multiple projects involving systems and process integration—including managing large teams of technical professionals integrating complex IT systems, including focused efforts to improving the user experience of those relying on such systems. Her leadership and experience will make her a strong addition to the USAC Board as it continues to adequately plan for, coordinate and execute testing and review of activities necessary to improve the security, reliability, and functionality of USAC’s systems, as called for by Chairman Pai.

The Public Notice seeking nominations for open Board member positions states that having board members “with substantive areas of expertise relevant to running a large and complex organization with such skills as accounting, finance, auditing, procurement, data management and information technology will improve the management, administration and oversight of USAC.” USTelecom agrees and is pleased to submit the nomination of Ms. Polk who offers a unique background with experience in many of these areas that will benefit USAC.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Spalter
President & CEO

cc: Charles Tyler, Wireline Competition Bureau